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NOTES

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2. Several tables contain figures which have been rounded (to thousands or, in some cases, millions), without making those adjustments which would be needed to make the rounded figures add to the rounded total. It is for this reason that figures do not always add to the total shown in the tables.

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AUSTRALIAN DECIMAL CURRENCY

On the 14th February, 1966 as provided by the Currency Act 1965 a dollar (\$)/cent (c) decimal currency system, with one dollar equal to 100 cents, was introduced in Australia.

The relationship between pounds, shillings and pence, and dollars and cents, as prescribed in Section 8 of the Act is as follows :-

1 pound	=	2 dollars (\$2)
1 shilling	=	10 cents (10c)
1 penny	=	5/6ths of a cent (5/6c)

In this issue of the Monthly Statistical Summary, monetary amounts have been converted to the equivalent amounts in the new system.

The Australian dollar (\$A) is equivalent in value to eight shillings sterling or \$US 1.12.

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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY

Period	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment(a)		Number of Persons on Unemployment Benefit	Retail Sales (b) (excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, etc.)	New Motor Vehicles Registered (c)		Building Permits and Approvals (e)		New Buildings Commenced	
	Manu- fac- turing	Total			Motor Cars and Station Wagons	Other Motor Vehicles (d)	Private	Govt.	Houses and Flats (f)	Other Buildings
Monthly Average -	'000	'000		\$ million			'000	'000	'000	'000
1960-61	48.1	200.9	2,200	28.8	1,263	462	4,154	1,857	3,190	2,357
1961-62	48.5	203.8	2,908	30.0	1,424	486	4,228	2,411	3,631	2,496
1962-63	51.1	212.1	2,679	31.5	1,931	531	5,201	1,971	3,938	2,889
1963-64	53.2	220.0	2,649	33.6	2,080	584	6,940	3,428	5,156	4,724
1964-65	55.5	228.6	1,623	36.4	1,942	575	8,941	2,881	5,555	4,616
Monthly Total -										
1963-64 -										
April	54.1	222.4	2,305	100.7	2,049	668	7,556	2,836	17,172	12,958
May	54.0	223.3	2,146		1,955	632	7,004	1,788		
June	53.5	222.9	2,367		1,888	586	8,038	2,344		
1964-65 -										
July	53.8	222.8	2,619	103.0	2,022	570	8,154	3,096	19,312	10,232
August	53.7	222.9	2,328		2,033	607	7,710	2,382		
September	54.6	225.0	1,903		1,812	639	7,926	3,328		
October	54.5	225.3	1,511	120.8	1,985	662	7,556	2,428	15,104	11,850
November	55.1	226.6	1,376		1,629	573	7,954	3,072		
December	55.8	227.7	1,832		2,211	581	7,376	2,214		
January	55.9	228.4	1,847	103.3	1,588	402	6,706	1,956	17,262	16,010
February	56.1	231.0	1,463		1,644	500	6,730	3,240		
March	56.5	232.2	1,231		2,258	590	12,794	2,714		
April	56.6	233.5	1,160	109.9	2,202	612	7,134	3,692	14,982	17,304
May	56.4	233.8	1,069		1,941	590	9,288	2,352		
June	56.5	234.4	1,137		1,979	571	17,968	4,104		
1965-66 -										
July	56.4	235.4	1,203	112.7	2,068	922	6,776	5,358	18,246	18,544
August	56.6	236.8	968		2,070	839	7,000	4,234		
September	56.5	238.4	709		1,460	744	6,816	3,996		
October	56.3	239.5	610	130.1	1,640	821	8,006	2,634	15,316	12,638
November	56.9	241.5	607		1,797	824	7,962	2,208		
December	57.6	242.6	765		2,047	715	5,846	2,098		
January	57.6	243.3	867	113.1	1,773	615	5,223	2,379	19,750 (1)	11,980 (1)
February	57.9	246.2	712		1,798	721	7,278	1,001		
March					2,101	834	12,878	2,163		

- (a) Excluding employees in Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service, and Defence Forces.  
 (b) The statistics shown relate to the value only of retail sales. To assess the movement in the volume of retail sales made, it would be necessary to allow for variations in prices.  
 (c) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles (other than those of the Defence Forces) listed with the Commonwealth Registry, Canberra. (d) Excludes motor cycles and motor scooters. (e) Include additions and alterations. (f) Includes owner-built houses.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY - continued

Period	Cheque-paying Banks (g)		Savings Banks: Depositors' Balances		Instalment Credit for Retail Sales: Balances Outstanding (h)	Finance Companies: Balances Outstanding (i)	External Trade (j) (Merchandise Only)	
	De- posits	Ad- vances	Total	Per Head			Im- ports	Ex- ports
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$	\$ million	\$ million	\$'000	\$'000
Monthly Average -								
1960-61	192,382	142,081	160,432	219.8	89.1	-	89,002	82,530
1961-62	209,421	139,220	171,803	230.4	93.2	-	86,346	91,804
1962-63	219,912	153,703	196,302	256.8	104.3	-	106,587	83,270
1963-64	242,403	165,027	227,272	290.6	108.4	-	111,820	96,336
1964-65	272,922	186,146	252,663	316.8	107.7	104.5	124,342	88,905
Monthly Total -								
1963-64 -			(k)	(k)				
April	256,976	166,812	233,164	296.1	108.4	-	147,730	76,348
May	249,856	171,510	234,957	297.9		-		
June	245,950	173,274	239,766	303.5		-		
1964-65 -								
July	247,762	176,664	242,712	306.8	108.9	98.3	90,836	65,916
August	250,476	182,288	246,511	311.1		98.9		
September	254,116	185,732	249,459	314.3		99.8		
October	261,304	191,430	251,101	315.6	111.5	101.6	102,116	84,670
November	272,628	192,864	251,361	315.1		103.5		
December	278,566	191,082	252,869	316.2		105.2		
January	292,670	181,294	254,298	317.9	106.1	105.4	123,652	95,130
February	296,682	174,942	255,674	319.5		104.4		
March	289,982	180,876	255,808	319.5		106.1		
April	281,050	190,172	254,669	317.6	107.7	107.9	180,763	109,902
May	275,470	192,680	255,849	318.6		110.7		
June	274,256	193,730	261,654	325.2		111.6		
1965-66 -								
July	272,946	197,120	263,586	326.8	109.4	113.0	115,402	80,168
August	273,902	198,640	267,194	330.4		114.4		
September	279,652	198,048	271,264	334.5		115.8		
October	285,912	203,722	273,110	335.5	113.9	117.6	137,122	94,138
November	294,532	207,680	274,708	336.2		119.1		
December	304,440	206,548	274,632	334.9		121.2		
January	335,149	191,490	277,576	339.3(1)	118.5	121.4	138,411	122,155
February	354,953	179,565	282,438(1)	344.9(1)		118.5		
March	343,967	182,595	283,588(1)	344.6(1)		118.8		

(g) Average of balances at close of business on Wednesdays during the period. (h) At end of period and inclusive of Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance. Figures relate to retail businesses and non-retail finance businesses. (i) Total amounts owing irrespective of type of agreement. See also definition on page 23. (j) Interstate and Oversea. Exports include value of Ships' Stores. Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals. (k) At end of month. (1) Preliminary.

POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1965			Metropolitan Statistical Division (7) at 31st December, 1965
Males - 415,731	Females - 404,332	Persons - 820,063	Persons - 478,000

(7) The Perth Statistical Division was constituted with effect from 1st January, 1966 by amalgamation of the former Metropolitan and Swan Statistical Divisions. The population of the Perth Statistical Division at 31st December, 1965 is estimated to be 546,000 persons.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

Particulars	Quarter ended MARCH -				Twelve Months ended DECEMBER -			
	1966		1965		1965		1964	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Births	3,703	18.03	3,839	19.19	16,186	20.08	16,685	21.11
Deaths	1,393	6.78	1,455	7.27	6,274	7.78	6,429	8.14
Marriages	1,815	8.84	1,622	8.11	6,448	8.00	6,023	7.62
Infant Mort- ality (b)	101	27.28	88	22.92	352	21.75	328	19.66

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

Item	Three Months ended 31st March -		Nine Months ended 31st March -	
	1966	1965	1966	1965
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue - Total \$'000	50,125	42,006	149,072	127,544
Per Head of Population \$	61.0	52.5	183.5	160.4
Expenditure - Total \$'000	47,279	42,390	150,686	133,276
Per Head of Population \$	57.6	53.0	185.5	167.6

SALES OF GOODS AND SALES TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	APRIL -		Ten Months ended APRIL -	
	1966	1965	1966	1965
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Sales Exempt from Tax	47,958	35,506	412,564	340,000
Net Taxable Sales	13,369	11,514	136,761	120,427
Tax Collected	1,810	1,494	18,644	16,109

### ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS

Year	Weekly Average of Debits to Customers' Accounts (a) (\$ million)											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1964	97.6	101.4	101.0	102.0	96.2	95.8	96.0	88.0	94.8	106.6	100.0	116.8
1965	106.9	110.7	111.9	111.9	113.8	116.7	108.5	108.7	106.3	121.6	121.4	128.2
1966	138.1	122.4(b)	128.6									

(a) Covers all cheque-paying banks and in addition, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank. Excludes debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at city branches. (b) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for Wednesday, 9th February, 1966.

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances			At the end of APRIL -		
			1966	1965	1964
Total	\$'000		283,907	254,669	233,164
Per Head of Population	\$		344.3	317.6	296.1

### BANKRUPTCY

Item	Ten Months ended APRIL -					
	1966			1965		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	158	\$'000 585	\$'000 144	188	\$'000 766	\$'000 161
Compositions and Assignments without Sequestration	61	2,343	2,149	59	561	265

### COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company			APRIL -		Ten Months ended APRIL -	
			1966	1965	1966	1965
Local	No.		35	43	460	396
Nominal Capital	\$'000		3,006	82,488	29,847	125,354
Foreign	No.		12	20	188	191

### CROWN LAND TRANSACTIONS

Type of Transaction	APRIL -		Four Months ended APRIL -	
	1966	1965	1966	1965
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated	45,112	173,482	186,599	404,571
Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued by Lands Department	1,508	1,651,872	486,252	2,073,477

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Titles			APRIL -		Ten Months ended APRIL -	
			1966	1965	1966	1965
Transfers	No.		2,343	2,712	23,248	26,454
	\$'000		15,805	18,690	148,894	158,186
Mortgages	No.		1,880	2,183	18,023	19,583
	\$'000		13,133	12,897	112,862	114,545
Discharges of Mortgages	No.		1,529	1,678	14,427	14,966

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS OPERATIONS

Item	MARCH -		Nine Months ended MARCH -	
	1966	1965	1966	1965
Gross Earnings \$'000	4,441	3,765	31,130	26,184
Operating Expenses \$'000	3,368	2,970	26,583	24,751
Revenue Train Miles '000	756	717	5,945	5,478
Passengers Carried (a) -				
Train '000	1,301.0(b)	825.3	7,692.5	7,809.0
Omnibus '000	27.7(b)	20.2	195.0	196.1
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Traffic:				
Goods '000	1,015.7(b)	568.5	4,330.8	3,570.2
Livestock '000	11.7(b)	8.3	84.1	81.5
Departmental Traffic '000	47.1(b)	35.8	349.2	368.0
Total '000	1,074.5(b)	612.6	4,764.1	4,019.8
Net Ton Mileage -				
Paying Traffic:				
Goods '000	161,668(b)	93,734	694,297	571,915
Livestock '000	1,803(b)	1,303	15,517	13,548
Departmental Traffic '000	4,621(b)	3,424	35,518	35,748
Total '000	168,092(b)	98,461	745,332	621,210

(a) Based on ticket sales, making allowance for periodical tickets. (b) Six weeks ended 31st March, 1966.

EXTERNAL TRADE

(\$ million)

Period	IMPORTS			EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)		
	Oversea	Interstate	Total	Oversea	Interstate	Total
1960-61	110.5	245.5	356.0	319.1	90.5	409.5
1961-62	100.2	245.2	345.4	297.0	84.6	381.6
1962-63	112.6	313.7	426.4	254.7	91.6	346.4
1963-64	121.7	323.2	444.9	295.8	101.9	397.7
1964-65	153.5	343.3	496.9	251.3	120.8	372.0
Eight Months ended						
February, 1965	92.6	171.5	264.1	159.4	62.4	221.8
1966	124.1	206.6	330.7	198.9	78.3	277.2

PRODUCTION OF GOLD(/) AND COAL

(As reported to the Department of Mines)

Item	MARCH -		Three Months ended MARCH -	
	1966	1965	1966	1965
GOLD -				
Quantity '000 fine oz.	47.4	53.1	147.1	170.0
Value (a) \$'000	1,480	1,659	4,597	5,314
Dividends reported by Gold-mining Companies \$'000	-	150	-	150
COAL -				
Quantity '000 tons	98.1	88.0	233.0	209.4
Value \$'000	421	420	996	988

(/) Includes gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. (a) Excludes amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold, and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION

Commodity (a)	Item	MARCH -		Nine Months ended March -	
		1966	1965	1966	1965
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid Fuel	number	388	422	3,283	3,122
Bricks - Clay	'000	12,748	12,176	102,690	106,483
Fibrous Plaster - Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	158	159	1,240	1,178
" " - Acoustic Tiles	sq. yd.	2,538	2,293	20,565	25,119
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	(b)	4,252	(b)	31,260
Plaster of Paris	"	2,171	2,246	15,674	15,936
Paints and Enamels, Ready-mixed (excluding Water Paints)	gallon	52,877	56,702	433,995	418,844
Timber, Sawn (from Local Logs) (c)	'000 super. ft.	18,403	19,103	162,342	152,399
<u>Clothing</u>					
Pyjamas, Woven Fabric - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,341	2,174	7,268	9,701
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	5,161	5,350	49,234	49,982
Suits - Men's and Youths' - 2 and 3 piece	number	724	763	7,448	7,833
Trousers - Men's and Youths' - Sports	"	16,598	15,326	112,993	108,266
Work (including Jeans)	"	12,683	9,994	88,319	91,224
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (d)	pair	69,265	68,717	599,977	621,029
Slippers	"	17,286	10,682	90,756	81,467
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	802	687	7,323	5,727
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	32,702	30,231	376,579	291,334
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	765	675	7,122	6,697
Butter (e)	"	172	300	15,610	14,203
Cheese (e)	"	27	28	2,266	3,421
Flour - Plain (f)	ton (2,000 lb.)	10,986	10,522	93,965	108,780
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Bran	ton (2,000 lb.)	2,085	2,044	17,718	20,455
Electricity Generated	million kWh.	138	125	1,188	1,080
Gas (Town) Produced	million cub. ft.	114	112	1,092	1,085
Iron - Pig-iron	ton	4,800	4,116	30,644	35,897
Mattresses - Soft-filled (g)	number	4,755	4,716	54,342	44,970
Pollard	ton (2,000 lb.)	1,641	1,547	13,483	15,365
Sulphuric Acid	ton	35,817	32,535	287,396	242,916
Superphosphate	ton	92,622	85,774	767,224	644,399
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	2,240	2,486	21,305	19,190

(a) Includes quantities produced and used in own works. (b) Not available for publication.  
(c) Includes railway sleepers and plywood veneers in terms of super. feet. (d) Excludes  
sandshoes, rubber thongs and other footwear wholly of rubber. (e) Particulars from Dairy  
Products Equalization Committee Ltd. (f) Includes quantities used for making self-raising  
flour. (g) Including rubber, plastic foam and sponge.

TIMBER - LOGS SAWN (a)

'000 super. feet  
(Hoppus measure)

Particulars	MARCH -		Nine Months ended MARCH -	
	1966	1965	1966	1965
Logs (a) -				
Hardwood	41,957	41,287	367,477	333,526
Pines	1,618	2,012	13,076	17,365
Total	43,576	43,299	380,554	350,891

(a) Local logs - including local logs used by plywood mills.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED AND MEAT PRODUCED

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED (a)					
Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
March, 1966	20,532	1,382	167,892	52,476	14,308
1965	21,622	2,369	127,492	52,878	14,046
Nine Months ended March, 1966	224,112	15,000	1,262,387	681,154	146,308
1965	223,632	22,178	944,427	634,335	137,439
MEAT PRODUCED (Dressed Carcass Weight) (b) (Tons)					
Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat(c)
March, 1966	3,757	61	3,160	765	764
1965	3,877	111	2,415	773	764
Nine Months ended March, 1966	43,219	658	24,045	9,848	7,905
1965	41,505	987	18,208	9,198	7,465

(a) Excludes livestock slaughtered for boiling down and livestock slaughtered for human consumption but subsequently condemned. (b) Excludes offal. (c) Includes quantities used to produce bacon and ham.

WHOLE MILK: PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION (a)  
( '000 gallons)

Period	Total Production	Quantity of Whole Milk used for -		
		Butter (b)	Cheese (b)	Other Purposes(c)
March, 1966	2,275	351	27	1,897
1965	2,537	614	29	1,894
Nine Months ended March, 1966	50,915	32,006	2,314	16,595
1965	48,753	29,064	3,375	16,314

(a) Preliminary estimates. (b) Factory production only. (c) Principally for household consumption. Includes milk used for production of farm butter and cheese.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Period	Accidents						Casualties			
	Non-casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents (a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan (b)	Whole State	Metro- politan (b)	Whole State	Metro- politan (b)	Whole State	Metro- politan (b)	Whole State	Metro- politan (b)	Whole State
1961	4,221	6,111	2,391	3,528	6,612	9,639	79	172	3,110	4,779
1962	4,482	6,556	2,586	3,685	7,068	10,241	83	177	3,425	5,077
1963	6,207	8,583	2,913	4,057	9,120	12,640	110	198	3,734	5,399
1964	7,658	10,283	2,859	4,062	10,517	14,345	88	222	3,761	5,450
1965	10,126	12,730	3,001	4,170	13,127	16,900	105	252	3,930	5,638
1965 -										
March	685	904	258	366	943	1,270	8	16	323	469
April	843	1,083	236	339	1,079	1,422	10	18	297	460
May	1,025	1,254	252	361	1,277	1,615	11	28	347	511
June	934	1,178	264	370	1,198	1,548	7	23	335	485
July	1,002	1,217	278	379	1,280	1,596	9	23	342	494
August	1,010	1,265	279	364	1,289	1,629	13	20	359	496
September	895	1,105	232	309	1,127	1,414	5	23	315	427
October	938	1,163	263	365	1,201	1,528	8	17	335	478
November	810	997	255	351	1,065	1,348	6	20	331	466
December	792	1,028	259	368	1,051	1,396	7	21	351	513
1966 -										
January	702	945	222	297	924	1,242	6	11	309	430
February	681	875	232	309	913	1,184	11	25	314	424
March	777	935	218	306	995	1,241	8	17	311	430

(a) Excludes non-casualty accidents where estimated damage was \$50 or less. (b) Metropolitan Traffic Area.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED (a)

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State				
	Motor Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks, Omnibuses	Motor Cycles (b)	Total	Motor Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks, Omnibuses	Motor Cycles (b)	Total
1961	6,947	1,871	2,251	591	11,660	10,670	3,228	5,174	903	19,975
1962	11,161	3,220	2,883	651	17,915	16,670	5,151	6,142	898	28,861
1963	12,594	3,766	3,036	470	19,866	18,426	6,049	6,876	683	32,034
1964	11,602	3,675	3,194	369	18,840	17,128	5,982	7,042	568	30,720
1965	11,574	3,374	3,691	387	19,026	16,988	5,706	8,130	588	31,412
1965 -										
March	1,197	334	252	45	1,828	1,699	559	590	62	2,910
April	1,053	340	309	34	1,736	1,598	604	612	50	2,864
May	992	294	290	27	1,603	1,419	522	590	38	2,569
June	973	290	285	25	1,573	1,476	503	571	44	2,594
July	1,056	269	419	22	1,766	1,583	485	922	43	3,033
August	1,072	350	403	25	1,850	1,539	531	839	44	2,953
September	777	215	328	28	1,348	1,101	359	744	43	2,247
October	870	215	345	45	1,475	1,259	381	821	65	2,526
November	964	227	323	34	1,548	1,395	402	824	56	2,677
December	987	259	311	37	1,594	1,567	480	715	49	2,811
1966 -										
January	877	242	280	40	1,439	1,343	430	615	66	2,454
February	970	238	342	58	1,608	1,404	394	721	92	2,611
March	1,098	279	407	59	1,843	1,656	445	834	87	3,022
April	1,032	317	297	26	1,672	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

(a) Commonwealth-owned vehicles (other than those of the defence services) listed with the Commonwealth Registry, Canberra are included with Whole State figures only. (b) Including motor scooters. (c) Not yet available.

MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTER (a)

Date (End of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State			
	Motor Cars and Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks, Omnibuses	Motor Cycles (b)	Total	Motor Cars and Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks, Omnibuses	Motor Cycles (b)	Total
1955 - December (c)	60,210	22,743	8,830	91,783	95,032	61,161	13,012	169,205
1961 -								
June	92,370	26,575	8,771	127,716	141,612	70,974	12,589	225,175
December	96,600	27,139	8,751	132,490	147,696	72,289	12,450	232,435
1962 -								
June	101,850	27,598	8,732	138,180	155,447	74,224	12,390	242,061
December (c)	110,028	28,486	8,714	147,228	165,637	75,531	12,257	253,425
1963 -								
June	114,459	28,386	8,205	151,050	170,781	75,748	11,649	258,178
December	122,025	29,010	7,762	158,797	181,424	77,738	10,960	270,122
1964 -								
June	127,393	29,419	7,403	164,215	189,251	78,239	10,449	277,939
December	131,793	29,700	6,738	168,231	195,818	78,470	9,602	283,890
1965 -								
March	134,230	29,882	6,589	170,701	198,326	78,362	9,469	286,157
June	136,719	30,025	6,388	173,132	202,914	79,316	9,244	291,474
September	138,635	30,384	6,083	175,102	205,179	79,728	8,800	293,707
December	141,883	31,206	6,131	179,220	210,737	82,735	8,948 (d)	302,420

(a) Commonwealth-owned vehicles (other than those of the defence services) listed with the Commonwealth Registry, Canberra are included with Whole State figures only. At the 31st December, 1965 there were 1,394 such vehicles comprising 144 motor cars, 175 station wagons, 353 utilities, 273 panel vans, 413 trucks, 19 omnibuses and 17 motor cycles. (b) Including motor scooters. (c) Census figures, 31st December. (d) Comprises 180,083 motor cars, 30,654 station wagons, 39,832 utilities, 10,297 panel vans, 30,960 trucks, 1,646 omnibuses (including 50 trolley-buses) and 8,948 motor cycles and motor scooters.

# BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Period	New Houses and Flats (Individual Living Units)				Other New Buildings			Grand Total, including Additions & Alterations		
	Private	Govt.	Total		Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1963-64	7,401	1,876	9,277	62,086	23,508	30,126	53,634	83,278	41,132	124,410
1964-65	7,230	2,135	9,365	69,686	41,884	20,388	62,272	107,296	34,578	141,874
1965 - April	494	165	659	5,008	2,574	2,394	4,968	7,134	3,692	10,826
May	639	270	909	6,562	3,436	758	4,194	9,288	2,352	11,640
June	723	248	971	9,056	9,710	2,436	12,146	17,968	4,104	22,072
July	511	170	681	4,992	1,802	4,320	6,122	6,776	5,358	12,134
August	582	230	812	5,910	1,592	2,754	4,346	7,000	4,234	11,234
September	548	206	754	5,564	1,906	2,636	4,542	6,816	3,996	10,812
October	623	166	789	5,762	2,480	1,584	4,064	8,006	2,634	10,640
November	600	160	760	5,818	2,364	1,092	3,456	7,962	2,208	10,170
December	507	191	698	5,098	1,318	872	2,190	5,846	2,098	7,944
1966 - January	405	127	532	3,906	1,689	1,557	3,246	5,223	2,379	7,602
February	494	61	555	4,362	2,586	510	3,096	7,278	1,001	8,279
March	904	146	1,050	9,514	3,336	1,179	4,515	12,878	2,163	15,041
April	643	87	730	5,319	1,389	1,602	2,991	6,834	2,271	9,105

## BUILDING OPERATIONS

The figures in the two following tables cover the activities of building contractors who undertake the construction of new buildings; the building operations of Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities; and work performed by owner-builders.

### NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	New Houses and Flats (Individual Living Units)				Other New Buildings(a)			Grand Total (a)		
	Private	Govt.	Total		Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Year -										
1960-61	5,102	1,311	6,413	39,682	12,034	20,334	32,368	44,960	27,090	72,050
1961-62	4,919	1,428	6,347	40,812	15,176	12,084	27,260	42,988	25,084	68,072
1962-63	5,485	1,750	7,235	48,764	16,924	20,740	37,664	55,376	31,052	86,428
1963-64	6,551	2,020	8,571	57,370	16,602	18,896	35,498	62,718	30,150	92,868
1964-65	7,438	1,848	9,286	66,284	23,760	17,056	40,816	78,840	28,260	107,100
Quarter -										
1965 - March	1,833	526	2,359	16,738	6,440	6,578	13,018	20,090	9,666	29,756
June	1,695	494	2,189	16,622	5,362	3,546	8,908	18,876	6,654	25,530
September	1,639	549	2,188	16,604	7,568	4,548	12,116	20,598	8,122	28,720
December	1,713	486	2,199	16,312	10,830	4,816	15,646	24,186	7,772	31,958
1966 - March	1,711	515	2,226	16,396	5,562	15,054	20,616	18,717	18,295	37,012

(a) Additions valued at \$10,000 or over are treated as "new" buildings.

### NEW HOUSES COMPLETED

(Includes Owner-built Houses)

Period	Material of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Cement, etc.		Wood or predominantly Wood		Fibro-cement or predominantly Fibro-cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value \$'000	No.	Value \$'000	No.	Value \$'000	No.	Value \$'000	No.	Value \$'000
Year -										
1960-61	4,475	30,352	13	60	1,462	7,652	23	38	5,973	38,102
1961-62	4,486	30,946	79	724	1,427	7,640	90	160	6,082	39,470
1962-63	5,222	38,166	52	294	1,302	7,274	17	46	6,593	45,780
1963-64	5,739	42,716	34	162	1,463	8,818	40	78	7,276	51,774
1964-65	5,871	47,094	27	148	1,454	9,700	93	296	7,445	57,238
Quarter -										
1965 - March	1,465	11,642	2	12	345	2,368	49	156	1,861	14,178
June	1,564	12,776	6	64	308	2,132	9	40	1,887	15,012
September	1,361	11,108	4	34	396	2,946	15	60	1,776	14,148
December	1,439	11,950	6	28	382	2,460	10	30	1,837	14,468
1966 - March	1,357	11,353	6	30	408	2,785	32	138	1,803	14,306

AVERAGE PRICES OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1965									1966			
		April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
FRUIT														
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	2.06	1.48	1.45	1.44	1.42	0.92	1.24	1.37	1.23	1.62	1.72	1.23	1.37
Oranges - Navel	bushel	-	3.32	2.88	2.68	2.91	3.27	3.53	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Val.	bushel	2.78	2.32	-	-	-	2.79	3.10	3.47	3.62	4.32	3.66	3.30	4.31
Bananas - Local	lb.	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.12
Apples - Gr.Smith	bushel	1.58	1.44	1.42	1.49	1.73	1.78	1.63	2.86	2.88	2.37	-	2.12	1.73
- Other	bushel	1.95	1.84	2.10	2.29	2.85	2.61	2.59	2.78	2.52	2.94	3.28	2.37	2.42
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	1.82	1.77	1.92	1.90	2.15	-	-	-	-	-	1.75	1.49	1.56
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13	3.27	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.93	2.40	3.25	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	2.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.77	2.22	1.74	2.94	3.81
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.22	2.78	1.66	2.03	-
Grapes (a)	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	1.63	1.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.96	2.19	1.73	1.87
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate	1.27	1.32	1.40	0.93	1.02	0.53	0.50	0.58	0.82	1.46	1.71	1.72	0.82
Cauliflowers	dozen	1.62	2.08	2.04	2.28	1.84	1.43	1.62	2.07	1.78	-	2.92	2.74	1.80
Lettuce	crate	1.20	1.62	1.25	1.14	1.28	1.03	2.04	1.22	1.17	1.29	1.98	1.46	0.92
Table Celery	doz. head	1.00	0.71	0.67	0.77	0.63	0.92	0.84	1.09	1.60	1.42	0.87	1.32	0.75
Beetroot	dump bag(b)	0.95	0.94	1.22	1.85	2.47	2.72	2.71	2.11	1.29	1.15	1.46	2.13	2.15
Carrots	dump bag(b)	1.22	1.42	1.52	1.52	1.50	1.28	0.91	1.29	0.82	0.98	1.12	1.19	1.53
Parsnips	dump bag(b)	1.87	2.12	2.44	2.78	2.68	1.81	1.58	1.55	1.37	1.41	1.10	2.16	2.20
Turnips	dump bag(b)	0.84	1.39	1.18	2.47	1.94	0.46	0.47	0.81	0.97	0.97	0.78	0.71	1.28
Swedes	dump bag(b)	2.76	2.85	2.62	3.64	3.32	2.13	1.28	1.34	2.52	2.86	3.04	2.35	1.84
Runner Beans	lb.	0.11	0.13	0.10	0.17	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.18	0.10	0.16	0.14	0.11	0.10
Peas	lb.	0.13	0.14	0.19	0.18	0.11	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.13
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.08	0.07
Pumpkin	bag	2.25	2.04	1.92	2.06	2.55	2.72	3.69	4.37	3.58	2.82	2.19	2.61	2.23
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	1.38	2.24	2.95	3.79	3.10	5.41	5.54	4.58	3.48	6.78	3.95	4.14	3.56
Onions (c)	ton	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	(d)	(d)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
Potatoes (e)	ton	80.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00

(a) Prior to January, 1966 prices are calculated in terms of  $\frac{3}{4}$  bushel case. (b) Standard dump bag - unweighed. (c) Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants, delivered Metropolitan Area. (d) Onion Pool closed. (e) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants, F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

A price has not been shown where sales of a particular item were not sufficient for that month.

Item	1965										1966			
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	
SHEEP	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Suckers	-	-	-	10.25	9.08	8.49	8.11	8.41	8.12	8.78	-	-	-	
Lambs -														
In Wool	8.81	10.28	10.19	9.78	9.37	-	-	-	-	9.46	9.39	10.41	12.30	
Shorn	-	-	8.83	9.05	6.98	7.66	7.14	6.88	6.88	7.78	7.70	8.72	10.68	
Hoggets -														
In Wool	-	9.33	8.82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.17	
Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.29	-	-	-	-	-	
Ewes -														
In Wool	6.52	7.18	7.38	7.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.52	7.04	8.46	
Shorn	5.06	-	6.01	6.08	5.83	5.62	6.00	5.79	5.23	5.49	5.55	5.55	6.20	
Wethers -														
In Wool	7.49	9.02	8.79	8.80	8.16	-	-	-	-	9.04	7.95	8.19	8.88	
Shorn	6.08	6.61	7.12	6.68	6.68	6.46	6.71	6.19	6.05	6.69	6.72	6.64	7.04	
CATTLE														
Baby Beef	94.55	98.68	91.09	93.72	87.45	86.23	84.28	85.22	79.24	78.12	79.00	91.72	106.73	
Heifers	121.23	-	101.02	98.64	98.12	94.15	90.08	90.08	-	-	95.06	116.31	140.99	
Cows	109.42	116.01	109.04	111.62	111.23	113.21	104.32	113.18	107.29	117.67	120.89	128.93	145.13	
Steers	122.28	130.70	119.03	120.18	115.47	120.75	115.26	115.55	114.37	133.46	119.09	130.54	155.98	
PIGS														
Slips	13.96	12.55	14.21	-	12.02	-	14.87	12.20	-	13.74	-	-	-	
Porkers	21.86	23.10	23.47	22.83	22.70	23.02	23.50	23.89	22.27	22.82	24.61	24.81	25.85	
Baconers	34.03	33.83	35.15	33.82	34.08	36.52	35.71	35.33	36.54	35.50	34.35	36.85	36.93	

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	0.26	0.28	0.28	0.30	0.30	0.33	-	0.32	0.35	-	-	0.29	0.26
" Cocks	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.30	0.33	0.34	0.33	0.36	-	-	-	-
Ducks	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.31	0.35	0.32	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23
Drakes	0.24	0.26	0.27	0.22	0.28	0.28	0.32	0.31	0.33	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.23
Geese	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.27	-	-	0.27	0.25
Cockerels	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.23	0.24	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.27	-	-	0.25	0.24
Capons	-	-	0.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hens	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.19

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Employees in Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service, and Defence Forces)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Total	Month	Males	Females	Total
1954 - June	141.2	43.2	184.4	1965 - March	170.0	62.3	232.2
1955 - June	144.5	45.1	189.6	April	170.9	62.6	233.5
1956 - June	144.7	46.3	191.0	May	171.2	62.6	233.8
1957 - June	143.3	46.1	189.4	June	171.5	62.9	234.4
1958 - June	143.1	47.3	190.4	July	172.2	63.2	235.4
1959 - June	144.9	48.4	193.3	August	173.3	63.5	236.8
1960 - June	147.5	50.4	197.9	September	174.1	64.3	238.4
1961 - June	148.5	51.2	199.7	October	174.6	64.9	239.5
1962 - June	154.7	53.4	208.1	November	175.9	65.6	241.5
1963 - June	159.4	55.5	214.9	December	177.6	65.0	242.6
1964 - June	164.3	58.5	222.9	1966 - January	178.5	64.8	243.3
1965 - June	171.5	62.9	234.4	February	179.7	66.5	246.2
				March	180.5	67.7	248.2

INDUSTRY GROUPS ('000)

Industry Group and Sub-group	March, 1965			March, 1966		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	1.4	-	1.4	1.5	-	1.5
Mining and Quarrying	7.0	0.2	7.3	7.1	0.3	7.4
Manufacturing	48.1	8.4	56.5	49.2	9.2	58.4
Electricity, Gas, Water and Sanitary Services	5.3	0.3	5.6	5.4	0.3	5.7
Building and Construction	22.2	0.4	22.6	26.5	0.5	27.0
Transport and Storage -						
Road Transport and Storage	5.5	0.5	6.0	6.1	0.6	6.7
Shipping and Stevedoring	4.1	0.2	4.3	4.2	0.2	4.4
Rail and Air Transport	7.5	0.4	7.9	7.7	0.5	8.2
Total - Transport and Storage	17.1	1.1	18.2	18.0	1.3	19.3
Communication	5.6	1.2	6.8	5.8	1.2	7.0
Finance and Property -						
Banking	3.4	1.5	4.9	3.6	1.7	5.3
Other	3.0	2.2	5.2	3.1	2.5	5.6
Total - Finance and Property	6.4	3.8	10.1	6.8	4.1	10.9
Commerce -						
Retail Trade	16.9	13.3	30.2	17.1	14.6	31.7
Wholesale and Other Commerce	12.3	3.8	16.1	12.9	4.1	17.0
Total - Commerce	29.1	17.1	46.3	30.0	18.6	48.6
Public Authority Activities (not elsewhere included)	8.3	2.6	11.0	8.8	2.9	11.6
Other Industries -						
Health, Hospitals, etc.	3.5	10.9	14.3	3.7	11.3	15.0
Education	5.9	6.2	12.1	6.3	6.6	12.9
Other (b)	10.3	10.1	20.3	11.6	11.2	22.9
Total - Other Industries	19.7	27.1	46.8	21.6	29.2	50.8
TOTAL	170.0	62.3	232.2	180.5	67.7	248.2
Employees of:						
Private Employers	114.0	48.9	162.8	122.7	53.5	176.2
Government Authorities (c) -						
Commonwealth Government (d)	10.9	2.8	13.7	11.5	2.9	14.4
State Government (d)	40.5	10.1	50.6	41.7	10.7	52.3
Local Government	4.6	0.5	5.1	4.7	0.6	5.3
Total - Government Authorities (c) (d)	56.0	13.4	69.4	57.8	14.2	72.0
TOTAL	170.0	62.3	232.2	180.5	67.7	248.2

(a) Figures for current months are subject to revision. (b) Comprises Law, Order and Public Safety; Religion and Social Welfare; Other Community and Business Services; Amusement, Sport and Recreation; and Hotels, Personal Service, etc. (excluding private domestic service). (c) Includes employees of government bodies (Commonwealth, State, Local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road and air transport, shipping, banks, post office, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories, hospitals and institutions, as well as administrative employees. (d) Includes semi-government bodies.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a)

Period	Coal Mining	Manufacturing			Building and Construction	Transport		Other Industries	All Groups
		Engineering, Metals, etc.	Food, Drink, and Tobacco	Other		Stevedoring	Other		
Number									
Year -									
1961	2	2	2	-	3	12	1	-	22
1962	-	10	3	-	9	5	1	-	28
1963	1	4	-	-	9	10	3	1	28
1964	-	5	3	-	5	10	2	1	26
1965	1	8	1	3	6	11	-	3	33
Quarter -									
1964 - December	-	1	1	-	2	2	2	-	8
1965 - March	-	2	-	-	2	5	-	2	11
June	1	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	6
September	-	4	-	2	-	2	-	1	9
December	-	1	1	-	4	1	-	-	7
Workers Involved (b)									
Year -									
1961	455	3,787	192	-	151	5,087	15	-	9,687
1962	-	2,993	150	-	1,842	3,326	52	-	8,363
1963	37	6,276	1,793	4,135	5,383	7,566	12,194	5,200	42,584
1964	-	497	146	-	636	2,507	2,094	285	6,165
1965	165	2,656	43	276	389	8,882	-	200	12,611
Quarter -									
1964 - December	-	254	30	-	211	143	2,094	-	2,732
1965 - March	-	832	-	-	85	3,615	-	154	4,686
June	165	53	-	200	-	2,784	-	-	3,202
September	-	151	-	76	-	2,229	-	46	2,502
December	-	1,620	43	-	304	254	-	-	2,221
Working Days Lost									
Year -									
1961	5,025	532	343	-	992	16,326	15	-	23,233
1962	-	1,771	123	-	2,747	1,555	104	-	6,300
1963	42	4,564	1,061	2,583	5,917	4,336	9,431	4,035	31,969
1964	-	1,438	146	-	1,349	1,625	2,530	60	7,148
1965	514	2,042	26	120	925	6,202	-	191	10,020
Quarter -									
1964 - December	-	220	30	-	196	61	2,530	-	3,037
1965 - March	-	493	-	-	281	2,374	-	122	3,270
June	514	53	-	75	-	1,795	-	-	2,437
September	-	929	-	45	-	2,020	-	69	3,063
December	-	567	26	-	644	13	-	-	1,250
Estimated Loss in Wages (\$'000)									
Year -									
1961	40.4	3.6	5.2	-	9.2	130.6	0.2	-	189.2
1962	-	14.0	1.0	-	21.8	13.2	-	-	50.0
1963	0.4	35.4	8.0	17.4	50.2	38.8	74.4	27.8	252.4
1964	-	10.8	1.2	-	12.0	15.4	23.2	-	62.6
1965	5.2	15.4	0.2	1.0	13.4	63.5	-	2.0	100.8
Quarter -									
1964 - December	-	1.4	0.2	-	1.6	0.6	23.2	-	27.0
1965 - March	-	4.6	-	-	2.8	24.2	-	1.4	33.0
June	5.2	0.6	-	0.6	-	18.4	-	-	24.6
September	-	6.0	-	0.4	-	21.0	-	0.6	27.8
December	-	4.4	0.2	-	10.7	0.1	-	-	15.4

(a) Refers only to disputes involving cessation of work for ten man-days or more. (b) Include workers indirectly involved i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppage occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.

# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS

(Source: Department of Social Services)

Month	Persons receiving Benefits (a)			Amount paid in Benefits		
	Un-employment	Sickness	Special (b)	Un-employment	Sickness	Special (c)
				\$	\$	\$
1965 - April	1,160	831	106	43,162	38,584	3,660
May	1,069	818	99	38,260	42,658	3,350
June	1,137	817	99	43,574	42,534	3,746
July	1,203	853	107	50,900	37,332	4,146
August	968	866	116	48,672	43,362	4,648
September	709	792	113	32,338	40,234	3,762
October	610	761	110	26,754	37,790	4,174
November	607	760	111	21,782	34,268	3,796
December	765	679	107	26,190	45,298	3,978
1966 - January	867	692	93	31,152	28,420	3,896
February	712	687	106	29,138	39,585	3,564
March	620	762	102	28,384	41,278	3,986
April	552	736	98	22,484	32,664	3,353

(a) On the last Saturday of each month. (b) Includes migrants at reception and training centres awaiting their first placement in employment. (c) Includes amounts paid to migrants - see note (b).

## BASIC WAGE RATES (a)

STATE (b)			COMMONWEALTH (c)		
Date of Operation	Males	Females	Date of Operation (d)	Males	Females
	\$	\$		\$	\$
1964 -			1958 -		
22nd September	30.80	23.10	21st May	26.10	19.55
26th October	31.12	23.34	1959 -		
1965 -			11th June	27.60	20.70
26th April	31.47	23.60	1961 -		
26th July	31.78	23.84	7th July	28.80	21.60
16th November	31.96	23.97	1964 -		
1966 -			19th June (e)	30.80	23.10
25th January	32.38	24.28			
2nd May	32.65	24.49			

(a) The amounts shown represent the basic weekly rate applicable to adult workers and relate generally to a week of 40 hours. The female rate is fixed at 75 per cent. of the male rate. (b) The rates shown apply uniformly throughout the State. (c) Rates for Perth. (d) Operative from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after the date shown. (e) These rates have not subsequently been varied.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : PERTH

(Base of each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Miscell- aneous	
Year -						
1960-61	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
1961-62	123.5	111.7	146.4	107.3	125.3	121.6
1962-63	123.9	112.0	150.9	107.0	125.5	122.2
1963-64	125.4	112.8	155.9	105.2	128.5	123.8
1964-65	130.5	114.1	160.0	106.4	134.2	127.6
Quarter -						
1965 - March	130.1	114.3	160.4	106.6	136.0	128.0
June	133.3	114.7	161.5	106.9	136.2	129.3
September	134.4	114.7	162.9	107.9	136.4	130.0
December	133.9	115.0	165.5	108.0	142.8	131.7
1966 - March	135.8	115.4	166.5	107.9	144.6	132.8

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(\$ million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food-stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits (a)	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods, and Musical Instruments	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, Stationery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1960-61	62.0	25.7	45.0	40.6	54.9	9.8	9.4	29.6	15.0	14.0	9.4	30.7	346.1	122.1
1961-62	65.4	27.0	47.3	41.4	57.4	10.2	9.8	27.9	16.0	15.6	10.0	32.3	360.3	133.9
1962-63	66.5	29.2	50.4	43.7	59.8	10.6	10.8	26.5	17.9	17.2	10.4	34.5	377.5	159.3
1963-64	75.0	31.6	53.8	46.1	63.0	11.0	11.3	23.3	18.8	19.1	11.5	38.2	402.7	167.6
1964-65	82.3	34.5	58.5	48.2	67.9	11.9	11.7	24.5	21.1	21.3	12.5	42.6	437.0	165.7
Sept. Qr.														
1960	14.8	6.2	10.4	8.6	13.4	2.4	2.4	7.4	4.0	3.2	2.2	7.2	82.2	33.0
1961	16.2	6.8	11.1	8.8	14.2	2.4	2.4	6.9	3.9	3.7	2.2	7.6	86.2	30.4
1962	16.3	7.1	11.8	9.4	14.4	2.5	2.6	6.8	4.4	4.2	2.5	8.1	90.1	38.7
1963	18.2	7.7	12.6	10.0	14.9	2.6	2.6	5.7	4.4	4.5	2.7	8.8	94.7	42.1
1964	19.6	8.5	14.0	10.5	16.2	2.8	2.7	6.0	5.1	5.0	2.8	9.8	103.0	41.3
1965	22.3	8.9	14.7	11.9	17.5	3.0	2.8	6.6	5.4	5.6	3.0	11.0	112.7	43.4
Dec. Qr.														
1960	16.4	6.4	11.6	11.4	15.8	2.8	2.6	8.0	4.4	3.8	2.6	9.2	95.0	33.2
1961	17.6	6.8	12.2	11.5	16.0	2.8	2.7	8.0	4.4	4.2	2.9	9.4	98.5	33.6
1962	17.5	7.4	13.1	12.1	17.3	2.9	2.9	7.8	4.9	4.9	3.0	10.2	104.0	42.3
1963	19.7	8.0	14.1	13.0	17.6	3.0	3.4	6.5	5.1	5.4	3.2	11.4	110.4	45.1
1964	22.1	8.9	15.5	13.4	19.1	3.3	3.6	6.8	5.9	5.9	3.4	12.9	120.8	41.1
1965	24.3	9.3	16.1	15.9	19.8	3.3	3.8	7.7	5.7	6.6	3.8	13.8	130.1	43.1
March Qr.														
1961	15.2	6.4	12.2	11.6	11.3	2.0	2.2	6.8	3.2	3.4	2.4	7.0	83.7	27.5
1962	15.6	6.6	12.5	11.6	12.2	2.2	2.3	6.6	3.8	3.8	2.6	7.5	87.3	33.3
1963	15.9	7.1	13.1	12.0	12.3	2.2	2.6	6.1	4.1	3.9	2.5	8.1	89.9	38.5
1964	18.3	7.7	13.8	12.6	13.2	2.3	2.7	5.5	4.4	4.5	3.0	8.9	96.9	39.7
1965	19.7	8.3	14.6	12.8	14.0	2.5	2.7	5.8	4.8	5.0	3.3	9.8	103.3	40.4
June Qr.														
1961	15.6	6.7	10.8	9.0	14.4	2.6	2.2	7.4	3.4	3.6	2.2	7.3	85.2	28.4
1962	16.0	6.8	11.5	9.5	15.0	2.8	2.4	6.4	3.9	3.9	2.3	7.8	88.3	36.6
1963	16.8	7.6	12.4	10.2	15.8	3.0	2.7	5.8	4.5	4.2	2.4	8.1	93.5	39.8
1964	18.8	8.2	13.3	10.5	17.3	3.1	2.6	5.6	4.9	4.7	2.6	9.1	100.7	40.7
1965	20.9	8.8	14.4	11.5	18.6	3.3	2.7	5.9	5.3	5.4	3.0	10.1	109.9	42.9

(a) Excludes sales by licensed clubs. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials, Builders' Hardware and Supplies, such as Tools of Trade, Paint, etc.

(b) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Jewellery, Sporting Goods, etc. but excludes Grain and Produce, and Business Machines. (d) Excludes Tractors, Farm

OIL INDUSTRY SALES OF MAIN PETROLEUM FUELS  
(Source: Department of National Development)

('000 gallons)

Period	Aviation Gasoline	Motor Spirit (a)	Aviation Turbine Fuel	Lighting Kerosene	Heating Oil	Power Kerosene	Automotive Distillate		Industrial Diesel Fuel		Furnace Fuel	
							Inland	Bunkers	Inland	Bunkers	Inland (b)	Bunkers
1960-61	3,050	92,591	3,679	5,689(c)	(d)	5,264	27,181	242	24,302	15,202	33,251	94,047
1961-62	3,092	99,283	4,122	5,641(c)	(d)	4,621	34,276	225	18,748	13,431	26,117	82,015
1962-63	3,070	107,977	5,918	5,823	272	4,270	39,512	365	17,058	9,775	31,475	73,788
1963-64	3,267	117,486	6,900	5,692	449	3,535	42,256	419	14,613	8,451	49,943	85,344
1964-65	3,020	127,198	9,203	5,765	694	3,259	49,842	671	15,988	8,712	61,238	83,634
1965 - March	238	11,188	854	359	50	279	4,345	31	1,164	795	5,344	7,332
April	229	10,927	824	390	58	340	4,847	68	1,782	661	4,950	7,069
May	263	10,836	877	576	74	476	6,364	99	1,536	802	5,265	7,439
June	262	11,151	858	679	94	408	6,507	82	1,413	699	5,919	6,762
July	257	10,195	873	751	102	180	4,013	140	1,302	435	6,219	5,515
August	392	13,672	864	776	103	211	4,908	38	1,382	530	5,431	4,784
September	358	10,696	913	547	91	161	4,124	39	1,241	607	5,918	8,876
October	315	9,750	950	389	73	238	4,704	19	1,185	716	5,119	8,652
November	328	11,591	883	378	74	258	5,075	62	1,399	681	5,879	8,046
December	362	12,092	913	311	61	238	4,853	126	1,343	1,260	6,132	8,781
1966 - January	277	11,054	995	297	43	165	4,025	55	891	1,119	4,013	6,491
February	293	11,511	970	325	62	196	4,781	44	1,156	634	5,579	6,451
March	330	11,925	896	356	68	250	5,966	110	1,370	1,180	5,947	8,694

(a) Includes super and standard grades. (b) Excludes refinery fuel. (c) Includes heating oil (d) Not available separately - see note (c).

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES - RETAIL BUSINESSES AND NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES

(\$ million)

Period	Amount Financed during period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance)				Balances Outstanding at end of period (including Hiring Charges, etc.)
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.	Plant and Machinery	Household and Personal Goods (a)	Total	
HIRE PURCHASE					
1963-64	44.4	5.9	10.4	60.7	91.3
1964-65	42.3	7.6	9.7	59.6	92.0
Quarter -					
1964 - December	10.8	2.6	2.6	15.9	94.6
1965 - March	10.3	1.8	2.3	14.4	90.1
June	10.9	2.1	2.4	15.4	92.0
September	10.7	1.2	2.6	14.4	94.2
December	11.6	3.4	2.8	17.8	98.6
OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT (b)					
1963-64	5.0	0.1	8.8	13.9	17.0
1964-65	5.1	0.1	8.7	14.0	15.7
Quarter -					
1964 - December	1.3	(c)	2.8	4.2	16.9
1965 - March	1.2	(c)	1.6	2.9	16.0
June	1.2	0.1	2.3	3.6	15.7
September	1.3	(c)	1.9	3.2	15.2
December	1.4	0.3	2.5	4.2	15.3
TOTAL INSTALMENT CREDIT					
1963-64	49.4	6.0	19.1	74.6	108.4
1964-65	47.4	7.7	18.4	73.6	107.7
Quarter -					
1964 - December	12.1	2.6	5.4	20.1	111.5
1965 - March	11.5	1.8	4.0	17.2	106.1
June	12.1	2.2	4.7	19.0	107.7
September	12.0	1.2	4.4	17.6	109.4
December	13.0	3.7	5.3	22.0	113.9

(a) See footnote (a) below. (b) Includes Time Payment, Budget Account, Personal Loan Schemes etc. (c) Less than \$50,000.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES - NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES

(\$ million)

Period	Amount Financed during period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance)				Collections during period (including Hiring Charges, etc.)	Balances Outstanding at end of period (incl. Hiring Charges, etc.)	
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.		Plant and Machinery	Household and Personal Goods (a)			Total
	New	Used					
1963-64	22.1	23.2	5.7	4.5	55.5	58.3	78.0
1964-65	21.6	21.5	7.4	3.8	54.3	62.5	81.0
1965 - March	2.1	1.9	0.8	0.3	5.1	6.4	78.4
April	2.0	1.6	0.7	0.3	4.6	5.0	79.0
May	2.1	1.8	0.7	0.4	4.9	4.7	80.2
June	1.7	2.0	0.6	0.4	4.7	4.8	81.0
July	1.9	1.8	0.3	0.3	4.3	4.5	81.6
August	2.0	1.9	0.3	0.4	4.5	4.7	82.9
September	1.6	1.9	0.6	0.3	4.4	4.6	83.6
October	1.8	1.8	1.2	0.4	5.0	4.8	84.8
November	2.1	1.9	1.5	0.3	5.8	4.9	86.6
December	2.5	1.8	0.9	0.4	5.6	5.3	88.0
1966 - January	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	4.3(c)	(b)	87.4(c)
February	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	4.6(c)	(b)	83.4(c)
March	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	5.8(c)	(b)	83.3(c)

(a) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (b) Not yet available (c) Preliminary estimate.

# FINANCE COMPANIES

The following tables contain details of the lending operations of corporate Finance Companies, compiled from monthly returns collected from these companies. Information on the scope of these new statistics and the definitions of the items are contained in a supplement which is available on request, and are also included in the bulletin "Finance Companies", July, 1964 to October, 1965, which contains more detailed statistics. Details given for the item "Instalment Credit for Retail Sales" relate to a field of businesses which is different from that covered by the existing Instalment Credit for Retail Sales statistics provided by retail businesses and non-retail finance businesses (corporate and unincorporated).

## Definitions of Items of Data

Amount Financed is the actual amount of cash provided. It excludes interest, insurance, hiring and other charges, and initial deposits.

Balances Outstanding represent the amounts owing on all finance agreements entered into prior to the end of the relevant period. The inclusion, in "Balances Outstanding", of unmatured charges, interest and insurance differs between types of finance agreements as well as between Finance Companies. As a result, separate details of balances outstanding are shown for those contracts where such charges are included and for those contracts where they are excluded.

Collections and Other Liquidations of Balances cover cash collections of capital repayments, hiring charges, interest and insurance and also other liquidations such as bad debts written off, rebates for early payouts and proceeds of repossessions. For reasons stated above, separate details of collections and other liquidations are given for contracts recorded including charges, etc., and contracts recorded excluding charges, etc.

Note - The outstanding balance for a particular period cannot be verified by the addition of the amount financed to the previous month's outstanding balance, less collections and other liquidations, for the period under review, owing to the amount financed being a "net figure", i.e. it excludes interest, insurance and hiring charges.

## Amount Financed, according to Type of Agreement

(\$ million)

Period	Instalment Credit for Retail Sales	Wholesale Hire Purchase	Other Consumer and Commercial Loans			Factoring	Total
			Personal Loans	Mortgage Loans	Commercial Loans		
1964-65	48.1	28.5	3.4	16.0	2.8	0.5	99.3
1964 -							
July	3.8	2.4	0.3	1.3	0.2	0.2	8.2
August	3.6	2.1	0.3	1.0	0.2	-	7.3
September	3.8	2.1	0.3	0.9	0.2	-	7.4
October	4.1	2.5	0.4	1.2	0.5	-	8.6
November	4.1	2.4	0.3	1.1	0.2	-	8.2
December	4.6	2.6	0.3	1.4	0.2	-	9.1
1965 -							
January	3.4	2.0	0.2	1.0	0.1	-	6.8
February	3.8	2.1	0.2	1.4	0.3	-	7.9
March	4.4	2.7	0.3	1.9	0.4	-	9.6
April	4.1	2.6	0.2	1.6	0.2	-	8.8
May	4.1	2.8	0.2	1.9	0.1	-	9.3
June	4.1	2.2	0.3	1.4	0.2	-	8.3
July	3.9	2.5	0.3	1.4	0.3	-	8.4
August	4.1	2.9	0.2	1.2	0.3	-	8.7
September	3.9	2.3	0.2	1.1	0.4	-	7.9
October	4.5	2.6	0.2	1.4	0.3	-	9.0
November	4.8	2.7	0.5	1.1	0.5	-	9.6
December	5.0	3.1	0.2	1.3	0.5	-	10.1
1966 -							
January	4.0	2.0	0.3	1.2	0.4	-	8.0
February	4.2	2.4	0.2	1.2	0.2	-	8.2
March	5.1	3.4	0.3	1.4	0.1	-	10.3

FINANCE COMPANIES

Collections and other Liquidations of Balances, according to Type of Agreement

(\$ million)

Period	Contracts with Unmatured Charges, Interest and Insurance written into Contracts at Time of Origin				Contracts with Unmatured Charges, etc. <u>not</u> written into Contracts at Time of Origin				Total all Con- tracts
	Instalment Credit for Retail Sales	Other Con- sumer and Commercial Loans	Factor- ing	Total	Wholesale Hire Purchase	Other Con- sumer and Commercial Loans	Factor- ing	Total	
1964-65	55.6	12.6	0.3	68.5	31.1	5.0	-	36.2	104.7
1964 -									
July	4.2	1.0	-	5.2	2.6	0.5	-	3.1	8.3
August	4.1	0.8	-	5.0	2.5	0.4	-	3.0	8.0
September	4.2	0.9	-	5.1	2.4	0.4	-	2.9	8.0
October	4.4	0.9	-	5.3	2.5	0.6	-	3.0	8.3
November	4.0	0.9	-	5.0	2.5	0.3	-	2.8	7.8
December	4.6	1.0	-	5.7	3.2	0.4	-	3.6	9.3
1965 -									
January	4.5	1.1	-	5.7	2.2	0.2	-	2.4	8.1
February	6.5	1.0	-	7.6	2.3	0.6	-	2.8	10.4
March	5.6	1.3	-	6.9	2.9	0.4	-	3.3	10.2
April	4.5	1.1	-	5.6	2.7	0.4	-	3.1	8.7
May	4.4	1.2	-	5.5	2.6	0.4	-	3.1	8.6
June	4.5	1.4	-	5.9	2.6	0.4	-	3.0	8.9
July	4.3	1.5	-	5.8	2.6	0.3	-	3.0	8.8
August	4.4	1.1	-	5.5	3.0	0.3	-	3.3	8.8
September	4.4	1.1	-	5.5	2.1	0.4	-	2.5	8.0
October	4.6	1.3	-	5.9	2.7	0.5	-	3.1	9.0
November	4.5	1.7	-	6.2	2.9	0.5	-	3.5	9.7
December	4.8	1.3	-	6.1	3.2	0.4	-	3.6	9.7
1966 -									
January	5.1	1.6	-	6.7	2.5	0.4	-	2.9	9.6
February	8.3	1.5	-	9.8	2.9	0.3	-	3.3	13.1
March	6.7	1.3	-	8.0	3.5	0.6	-	4.1	12.1

FINANCE COMPANIES

Balances Outstanding at End of Period, According to Type of Agreement  
(\$ million)

Period	Including Unmatured Charges, Interest and Insurance if written into Contracts at Time of Origin				Excluding Unmatured Charges (a), etc. if <u>not</u> written into Contracts at Time of Origin				Total all Con-tracts (b)
	Instalment Credit for Retail Sales	Other Con-sumer and Commercial Loans	Factor-ing	Total	Wholesale Hire Purchase	Other Con-sumer and Commercial Loans	Factor-ing	Total	
1964-65	71.9	29.5	0.1	101.4	3.4	6.8	-	10.2	111.6
1964 -									
July	67.9	20.1	0.2	88.3	4.0	5.9	0.1	10.0	98.3
August	68.4	20.8	0.2	89.4	3.7	5.7	0.1	9.5	98.9
September	68.9	21.2	0.2	90.3	3.5	5.9	0.1	9.5	99.8
October	69.6	22.1	0.2	91.9	3.7	6.0	0.1	9.7	101.6
November	70.6	22.9	0.1	93.6	3.7	6.1	0.1	9.9	103.5
December	71.8	23.9	0.1	95.8	3.2	6.2	-	9.4	105.2
1965 -									
January	71.5	24.2	0.1	95.8	3.2	6.3	-	9.6	105.4
February	69.8	24.9	0.1	94.8	3.2	6.4	-	9.6	104.4
March	69.8	26.6	0.1	96.4	3.2	6.5	-	9.7	106.1
April	70.4	27.5	0.1	97.9	3.3	6.7	-	10.0	107.9
May	71.2	29.1	0.1	100.4	3.6	6.6	-	10.3	110.7
June	71.9	29.5	0.1	101.4	3.4	6.8	-	10.2	111.6
July	73.7	29.0	0.1	102.8	3.5	6.8	-	10.2	113.0
August	74.4	29.6	0.1	104.0	3.6	6.8	-	10.4	114.4
September	74.9	30.0	-	105.0	3.9	7.0	-	10.8	115.8
October	75.8	30.5	-	106.4	4.2	6.9	-	11.2	117.6
November	77.1	30.6	-	107.7	4.1	7.3	-	11.4	119.1
December	78.4	30.8	-	109.3	4.2	7.7	-	11.9	121.2
1966 -									
January	78.2	31.4	-	109.6	3.9	7.9	-	11.8	121.4
February	75.2	31.5	-	106.7	3.6	8.2	-	11.8	118.5
March	75.1	32.1	-	107.1	3.6	8.1	-	11.7	118.8

(a) Charges, etc., which are accrued and unpaid at the end of the period concerned are included.  
(b) Amounts shown in this column are intended to provide a measure of total balances outstanding.  
It should be noted, however, that movements in this aggregate may also involve changes in the proportions of the two components of the series to the total.

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